

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 12, 1863.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

AN ACT

To incorporate Saint Ann's Infant Asylum, in the District of Columbia.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That Theresa A. Costello, Lucy Gwynn, Margaret Bowden,
4 Sarah M. Carroll, Catharine Ryan, Louisa Fisher, and Catha-
5 rine Shea, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, made a
6 body politic and corporate forever, by the name of Saint Ann's
7 Infant Asylum, for the purpose of establishing and main-
8 taining in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia,
9 an institution for the maintenance and support of foundlings
10 and infant orphan and half orphan children, and also to pro-
11 vide for deserving indigent and unprotected females during
12 their confinement in childbirth; and by that name may sue
13 and be sued, prosecute and defend; may have and use a
14 common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure; may
15 adopt and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws not repug-

16 nant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, for
 17 properly conducting the affairs of said corporation; may take,
 18 receive, purchase, and hold estate, real, personal, and mixed,
 19 not exceeding in value at any one time one hundred thousand
 20 dollars; and may manage and dispose of the same, and apply
 21 the same, or the proceeds of the sales thereof, to the uses and
 22 purposes of said corporation, according to the rules and regu-
 23 lations which now are or may hereafter at any time be
 24 established.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation
 2 shall be entitled to retain under their care, charge, and re-
 3 straint, and subject to the rules and discipline of said corpo-
 4 ration, all foundlings and infant children committed to their
 5 keeping, as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes,
 6 as if they were regularly indentured and bound apprentices to
 7 said institution, until said foundlings and infants shall be, if
 8 males, twenty-one years old, and if females, eighteen years
 9 old, or any shorter period that may be agreed upon. And said
 10 corporation shall have power to bind them out for a time not
 11 to exceed said ages of twenty-one and eighteen years, respect-
 12 ively, as apprentices to learn any trade or business, or to learn
 13 to be useful in housekeeping, or may, under terms proper in
 14 the view of the said corporation, and to be by them stipu-
 15 lated, place them for adoption, or as inmates with any families
 16 or persons, said corporation not being restricted in the exercise

17 of their powers of binding or placing out to the District of
18 Columbia ; and all such acts shall be in writing, signed by the
19 president of said corporation, and sealed with their corporate
20 seal, and signed and sealed by the persons taking said children
21 as apprentices or as aforesaid, and acknowledged by said par-
22 ties before a justice of the peace in and for said District, and
23 within one month thereafter recorded in the office of the
24 Register of Wills for said District.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Congress may
2 at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Passed the House of Representatives February 11, 1863.

Attest:

EM. ETHERIDGE, *Clerk*.